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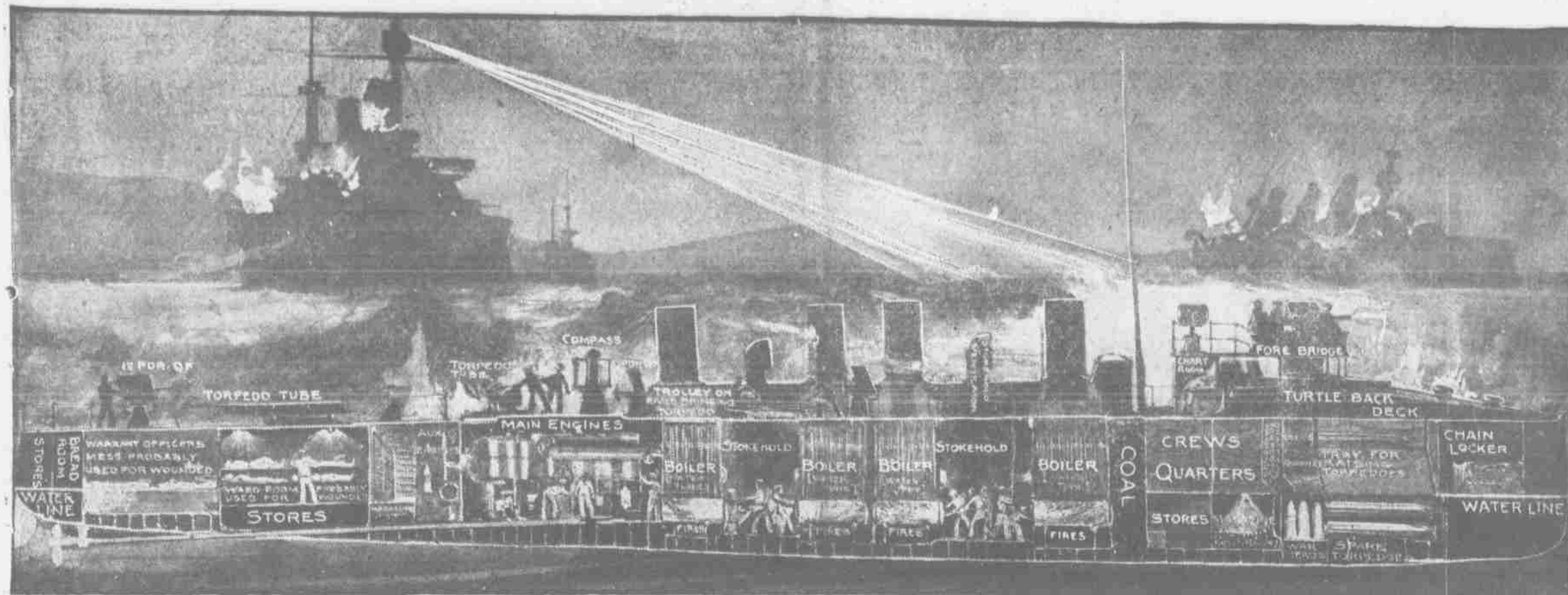
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THE INSIDE OF A MODERN MAN OF WAR



'T WAS ONLY A LITTLE ONE

The following cablegram was received at the Japanese Consulate at 12:30 o'clock today.

Washington, April 25, 1904.

To Saito, Honolulu.

Mr. Ohki, Japanese consul at Gensan (also called Wonsan or Yensan, a treaty port on the north-eastern coast of Korea), reports that on the 25th instant two Russian torpedo boats entered the port and sank a small Japanese steamer "Goyomaru" (600 tons) and left immediately.

TAKAHIRA.
This is probably the same exploit noted in the Associated Press dispatches as occurring at Gensan.

EDWARD TO IRELAND

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
LONDON, April 25.—King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra started today for a visit to Ireland.

Closes The Diet

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
BUDAPEST, April 25.—A royal decree has just been issued closing the Diet.

MAY BE A SHORTAGE

Land Commissioner Pratt will go to Hilo tomorrow with Deputy Attorney General Prosser to investigate some alleged land office irregularities. It is said that there is a shortage in the offices on Hawaii, and that government officials have been failing to turn in collections. The books of Land Agents Baldwin, Ragsdale and Williams will be examined. It is said that prosecutions may follow.

PORT ARTHUR IMPREGNABLE

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
PORT ARTHUR, April 25.—The fortress at this place is now considered impregnable.

Contracts Cancelled

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
TOKIO, April 25.—Japanese merchant steamship companies are cancelling all contracts for shipments in the Yellow Sea beyond Chemulpo, on account of the fear of floating mines.

VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON ACTS

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
TOKIO, April 25.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron has appeared at Gen Sang. The Russians sank a Japanese merchant steamer.

CRUISER ASHORE

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
SHANGHAI, April 25.—The Chinese warship Hailien is ashore on Elliot Rocks.

ODD FELLOWS' ANNIVERSARY.
The 85th anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is to be celebrated at Progress Hall tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. A fine program has been arranged. The various Rebekas will be present. Visiting members of the Order are also invited.

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Break-Up Of The Home Rule Party

There is beginning to be a belief among politicians that the Home Rule party is beginning to break up. When Wilcox first organized the party four years ago, it was the general expectation that the party would not last over more than one election, and when Wilcox on his return from Washington called his Home Rule committee together and got them to change the name of the party to the Home Rule Republican party—in favor of everything Republican except the "missionaries"—there was a renewal of belief that the end of the party was in sight. But when after conquering with the Democrats, and repudiating them along with the "missionaries," the party still put up a solid front, and though Wilcox was defeated, elected some of its candidates, the belief in the speedy dissolution of the Home Rule party was shattered.

It is reviving again. Those who are in a position to know what is going on in the native mind, say that there is a decided reaction against the Home Rule party and in favor of joining one or the other of the American parties. Quite a number of Home Rule members of the legislature, and other pillars of the Home Rule party have taken part in the organization of Democratic precinct clubs. There is said to be a strong feeling against Kalaauokalani, who is charged by the Home Rulers with Democratic leanings as being in league with the Republican party. The recent withdrawal of Kalaauokalani, Jr., from the Home Rule party, and his virtual announcement that he has become a Republican, is taken by some as a means of paving the way for his father to come into the reservation, if the Home Rule party goes to pieces.

John Wise who was one of the original sixteen to one Democrats, joined the Home Rulers, seceded with Kalaauokalani, went back to the Home Rulers and was their candidate for sheriff last fall, is now completing a swing round the political circle by joining the Republicans, and getting the appointment of deputy sheriff for Waimea.

The Princess Theresa seems to have dropped entirely out of the public eye, with her schemes for a native Democratic party and a Woman's League of Clubs. Everything but the rock ribbed barefooted aborigine element, is said to be leaving the Home Rule party for either the Republican or Democratic parties, and the interesting question is just when the autopsy physician will officially announce the Home Rule party dead.

日露電報
旅順砲臺の堅固
（但しロシア側は報知）
旅順四月廿五日發 當地砲臺の堅固
堅固であり砲臺に遠くも安全なり
清國軍艦の坐礁
上海四月廿五日發 清國軍艦海城號は
エリオント礁に坐礁せり

TESTA'S CASE

The trial of the case of the United States against F. J. Testa, charged with sending obscene matter through the mails, was begun this morning before Judge Dole. Assistant District Attorney J. J. Dunne appeared for the prosecution and A. G. M. Robertson for the defense. The case is likely to end this afternoon or tomorrow morning, as there is little evidence to be given. The following jurors were sworn in to try the case: Joseph Mersberg, L. H. Dee, W. Wagner, A. G. Ferguson, W. W. Kirkland, C. E. Gilbert, G. W. Hay, J. P. Roth, John Coffey, George Hawley, A. McKenzie, H. B. French.

HE TOOK A BATH, THEN TOWELS
A stranger went into the Silent Harbor shop today and said he was from

FISHERIES DECISION MAY COST MILLIONS

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
WASHINGTON, D. C. April 25.—The United States Supreme Court has rendered a decision confirming the title of S. M. Damon to fishery privileges at the island of Oahu, reversing the Supreme Court of Hawaii, which held that Damon had no vested right. The case was one appealed from Hawaii as a test case, to settle 84 suits which were filed against the Territory to establish fishing rights.

The news of the victory of S. M. Damon in his fishery case at Washington was glad tidings to many others who have cases pending in the courts here. The Bishop estate has a lot of cases, some on each island, and other corporations and private parties in all districts have suits pending to establish their rights. The decision here holding that the claimants had no vested rights which the Territory was required to condemn in order to open all sea fisheries to the public, was on technical grounds, which the court at Washington appears to have found insufficient.

The Organic act provides that the Territory must purchase all rights which are established, its requirements on the subject being as follows: "Section 96. That any person who claims a private right to any such fishery shall within two years after the taking effect of this Act, file his petition in a circuit court of the Territory of Hawaii setting forth his claim to such fishing right, service of which petition shall be made upon the attorney-general, who shall conduct the case for the Territory, and such case shall be conducted as an ordinary action at law.

"That if such fishing right be established, the attorney-general of the Territory of Hawaii may proceed, in such manner as may be provided by law for the condemnation of property for public use, to condemn such private right of fishing to the use of the citizens of the United States upon making just compensation, which compensation, when lawfully ascertained, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury of the Territory of Hawaii not otherwise appropriated."

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